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MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT
FOR MONTH OF
December 1951

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 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
 SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B

1. CRYPTONYM BOFIEND		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH EE-I		3. COUNTRY(S) Albania		DATE 2007		PERCENT	DATE
5. PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARAMILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT									
6. FINANCIAL MECHANISM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECT <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSIDY <input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY <input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF SERVICES									
7. PHASE <input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING <input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATED									
8. FUNDING									
FY ALLOTMENTS TOTAL TO DATE			OBLIGATIONS CURRENT MONTH		FY OBLIGATIONS CUMUL. TO DATE		UNOBLIGATED BALANCE		
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9. NAME OF CASE OFFICER			ROOM NO. 2105-K		EXTENSION 671-2		SIGNATURE		
10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)									

1. Activities

A. Infiltration and Exfiltration - No OPC agents were infiltrated into Albania during the month of December and no agents have returned to Greece. However, a S.I. letter dated 25 November has been received indicating that the four-man team which had been operating in the area of Kukës in northern Albania since May 1951 has moved to the Kosovo area of Yugoslavia where they are wintering. The team reported they had buried their W/T equipment and would resume operations in the Spring. Efforts will be made to establish contact with this team through a contact mission. Lacking contact with the Shkumbij Estuary team and knowing that the Kukës is no longer in the country, we must assume there is for the time being no OPC activity in Albania.

B. Supply Drops - Attempts to resupply the team in the Kukës area of 13 December and 15 December were unsuccessful as no recognition signals were detected. No other supply operations were attempted during this month.

C. Training

(1) Action is now being taken in the field to double the present guard company facilities now capable of providing for a maximum of 250 men. To implement this plan, a new Albanian Guard Company will be established. EUCOM headquarters has made two U.S. Army officers available to BOFIEND as company commanders. These men are now awaiting security clearances.

(2) The training program for the Albanian Guard Companies will be greatly expanded and include an overt and a covert training period. The overt phase of the guard company training will take place at the guard company installations and consist of the maximum possible military drill and range exercise. The covert phase of the training, now under study, would be administered by the German training section at some location away from the Guard Company and include instruction in appropriate phases of military operations including guerrilla warfare.

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During this training, emphasis will be placed on leadership. Groups of men would be removed from the Guard Companies, trained and then returned to the Guard Companies for holding.

(3) The four W/T operators who recently completed their training at the Hambuechen Estate near Munich have been airlifted to Athens to be available for 1952 Spring operations. ~~A new W/T training course will commence at the Hambuechen Estate as soon as the four men now there are moved.~~ Six candidates have been selected for W/T training at the covert facilities in Germany. Their course will probably not begin prior to 1 February.

(4) Two members of the BGFIND staff, [] and [] are now attending the Oberammergau Intelligence School.

D. Psychological Warfare

(1) Radio - The BGFIND clandestine transmitter, The Voice of Free Albania, continued its daily broadcast through the month of December.

(2) Publications

a. The National Committee for Free Albania's ~~semi-monthly~~ monthly publication SHQIPERIA was issued on the 15th of December. The usual practice of publishing this organ on the first and fifteenth of each month was amended to provide for the publication of a special issue on 28 November in commemoration of National Independence Day. This special issue took the place of the 1 December edition. Beginning with the 1 January 1952 edition, SHQIPERIA will be published semi-monthly in Rome rather than in New York.

b. A large 1952 calendar, designed by Albanians working for The National Committee for a Free Albania, and printed in the United States, is now being mailed to Albanians throughout the world. This calendar was prepared to enhance the prestige of the NCFA in the eyes of Albanian exiles.

(3) The Propaganda Supply-Drop Program

a. The first propaganda supply-drop was successfully completed on the night of 18/19 December. It consisted of 800 small tin cans supported by 150 parachutes and 500 pounds of flour packed in one pound bags designed to sustain a free fall. The contents of the small cans included razor blades, needles and other small, scarce consumer goods. The targets for this raid were the town of Kruje and the city of Korce. A preliminary drop of two hundred cans was made north of Durres to test the efficiency of the releasing equipment. To date, no reaction from the Tirana government has been reported. But it is planned to infiltrate a four-man team into the Korce area to check popular reaction.

(4) Leaflet Drops - No leaflet raids were made over Albania during the month of December. During the two unsuccessful resupply missions (see para A.(2) above) some leaflets and miniature editions of Shqiperia were dropped

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as a deception tactic. The next leaflet raid is scheduled for mid-January 1952.

(5) Freedom-Loving Lawyers - Action is now under way to select Albanian exiles with legal experience to attend the Congress of Freedom-Loving Lawyers in West Berlin that will convene in April, 1952.

E. Other Developments

(1) Action is under way to select worthy candidates among Albanian refugees for the Free European University in Exile. The final selection has not yet been made.

(2) Zef Pali, a member of the NCFA, who has been in New York working on the improvement of the newspaper Shqipëria, returned to Rome via London by air on 17 December.

(3) Two Albanians were selected some time ago to receive political action training under the ZRELOPE program. They were held at the Albanian Guard Company near Munich pending the opening of the Political Action School. The two men, Ibrahim Kelmendi and Adem Selimi, will be flown from Germany to the United States shortly after the first of the year for enrollment in the first Political Action School class.

2. Evaluation and Comment

The BOFIEND PM program is currently undergoing reevaluation, preparatory to initiation of 1952 operations.

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